

Crossfield Chronicle

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Crossfield News Briefs

Doctor Whillans, resident M.D. for over 40 years in Crossfield, left on Thurs. to visit his daughter and son Jean and Austin and their families, who reside in Ontario. He will spend a couple of months hoping to get back before the very hot Eastern weather sets in. Doc went by C.P.R.

Lorne O'Neill and friends visited with Mr. and Mrs. Garnet O'Neill recently, also Mrs. O'Neill's father, Mr. Ferngren, spent Sunday and part of Monday at their farm.

The Senior W.A. are happy over their Mother's Day Tea etc., which brought in over \$100. clear.

Mrs. Gordon Purvis, Calgary, attended the Mother's Day Tea on Saturday.

It gives local pleasure to see Mrs. Chas Lee up and around again. Mable has had a nasty attack of arthritis and has had Dr. Whilland attending her for the past two weeks.

Mrs. Bottomley of Medicine Hat, spent a few days at her daughter Pat's home, enjoying the twins.

Nora Fleming, whose father was C.P.R. agent some years ago in Crossfield, has left for a trip to the Coronation. Nora will visit several spots in Europe.

Celebrating the 134th year of Oddfellowship, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Fox attended a church service in Calgary, where over 300 Oddfellows and Rebekahs gathered to commemorate the service of that great organization of the world wide "Three Links".

Mrs. Eileen Robinson, A.R.C.T., A.T.C.M., and winner of the Lethbridge Trophy at the Edmonton Musical Festival in the open Contralto class, is making preparations for her local recital to be held in the church (United) on May 28, at 8:00 p.m. A silver collection only will be received.

Mr. Stralo, of the church, has just completed a chimney jack for the United Church manse, the labor of which is gratis, and many thanks from the WA is once again going to this fine man for his never failing attitude in our work.

The Rebekah and Oddfellow lodges both met on Wednesday evening and Grace Budgeon, D.D.P. of the Rebekahs finished her work of installation, belated through the absence of members who were on holidays.

The Oddfellows were officially visited by their Grand Master of Grand Lodge and the D.D.P. together with 15 other members, all of which received a delicious lunch prepared and served by the sister organization at tables in "U" formation to seat around 50 guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wilson and family are planning to leave for the coast in the latter part of June.

Crossfield and district were saddened to hear of the death of a Carstairs member of our old timers, Mr. Edwin Reid. The late Mr. Reid and his wife, together with Mr. and Mrs. Dick Huber, uncle of Merl Jones, were always in attendance at our big fall round-ups.

Ed Gilson, Bert Lilley and Art Heywood spent the week fishing in the Dog Pound, and though the fish caught were not of record size, they were a tasty everyday dish for the week, with a few brought home for evidence.

The changeable weather has made a moody bunch of farmers in our district, who must live in hopes that the spring will yet allow the planting of wheat, which ordinarily would be making its appearance by now.

Ruby Lee and friend Freddie, visited at the home of the former's parents in Crossfield on Sunday.

Why Have Insurance With 8,000 Charms?



IF ELEPHANT CHARMS bring good luck, as many people believe, then Mrs. Alma Mein can walk under ladders and scoff at black cats. The Toronto woman has a collection of 8,009 pachyderms adorning her three-room apartment. They are fashioned from almost every conceivable material, including china, wool, leather, ivory, ebony, silver, wood-celluloid and rubber.

Pioneer Victim Of Fall

CROSSFIELD — Mrs. Purvis, Sr., another of Crossfield's old timers, had the misfortune of sustaining a serious injury on Monday last, when she fell the last few steps in her basement, fracturing her wrist and pelvis bone, as well as various cuts and bruises. An ambulance was called to move her to the General Hospital where she is recovering slowly. All good wishes are tendered from town and district, that her recovery will be speedy and permanent.

Card of Thanks

The Crossfield, United, Church Senior WA, wish to thank all who helped to make their Saturday Mother's Day Tea, Bake Sale and Novelty table such a wonderful success, and would like to say that approximately \$106. was cleared. This of course was due to the fine co-operation of donors, patrons and workers. A special thanks is given to Mrs. Stillings and Mrs. Helzer, who assisted in the kitchen, and who belong to the Avanti group; to the C.G.I.T. girls, who did an admirable job of waiting on the tea tables and to the committees who planned the afternoon.

The local High School are planning their annual H.S. Graduation, which will include Banquet and Ball and other graduation ceremonies, on May 29. Everyone is welcome to attend the dance.

Mrs. Bert Lilley was hostess to the Afternoon Bridge on Thursday. Tea was served at 4:00 p.m. and the high scores were made by Mrs. E. B. Casey and Mrs. Jean Stevens.

Mrs. George Lind has been a patient in the hospital, and is making a nice recovery, to the pleasure of the town and district.

It is nice to see and hear George Jones' pleasant voice in spite of his tractor tragedy which sent him to hospital for a few weeks. George thinks he is fortunate and though in a body cast, directs his farm work, and smiles.

Crossfield Sports

Jackie Lee

Let us get out and support our local ball team, boost them, brag about them and show them that we are behind their every efforts. Many other towns do not support their players with as good attendance as Crossfield. Our local team have been working out more than any other team in the league according to information of the president.

Our Rosebud league boasts seven ball teams, Olds, Airdrie, Didsbury, Crossfield Madden, Cremona and Sundry. The league decided that the games will be played on Wednesdays and Sundays. The times, 6:30 on Wed. and 2:30 on Sundays. They also decided on a four team playoff. Be sure to watch posters concerning home games in Crossfield and see that you attend. The league executive consists of Johnnie Tittsworth, Madden, pres. of the league; Leo Clayholt, Madden, sec. of the league.

Fire Brigade Alerted In Record Week

CROSSFIELD — Three times during the week the Crossfield fire engine, with its crew, were in action minutes after the siren sounded, and each time was able to do an efficient job. Changeable winds, while householders were cleaning and burning their yards, resulted in two minor fires, and later the alert was sounded when the chimney in Ernie Tweedle's home caught fire.

Attend Jamboree At the Corral

CROSSFIELD — On Friday, last week 7 squares attended the Friday Jamboree at the Corral, all decked in their gala costumes. The following night 5 squares from town attended. On Saturday afternoon, Mrs. Jean Stevens and Mrs. May Fox attended the advanced instruction course in Calgary which was conducted by Ken Powell from Great Falls.

Last Rites For Pioneer Observed

CROSSFIELD — The beautiful floral tributes and crowded United Church was evidence of the respect and admiration held for the late Mr. C. C. Stafford whose funeral, directed by McInnes and Holloway, took place on Wed. last. Rev. Dovey's message was full of comfort and promise, and his vocal selection "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere" was also greatly appreciated. The choir sang "The Old Rugged Cross" at the request of the family. The pallbearers were Messrs F. Laut, F. Ruddy, C. Richardson, L. Beddoes, C. Fox all of Crossfield and Mr. L. Ableman, formerly of Crossfield and now residing in Calgary. Interment took place in the local cemetery in the family plot.

Old-Timer Reunited With Relatives After 47 Years

CROSSFIELD — Mr. Billy Brandon, pioneer of the Crossfield district, now residing in Calgary, is visiting relatives in Guelph, Ontario, with whom he has had no personal contact for almost half a century.

Local Man Robbed While Sleeping

CROSSFIELD — Louis Becker, unaware of his companion's habits, awoke one morning last week to find that his watch and over \$30.00 had been taken from his person. At that time the Crossfield Highway Body Repair shop was also rifled, which may have been the work of the same light fingered thief. A quantity of good tools were missing from the shop.

Beiseker News Briefs

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bur of Calgary, and Mr. and Mrs. Bert McKinnon of Bentley were visitors at the home of Mrs. M. Schissel over the week-end.

The Red Cross executive wish to thank Mr. Norman Schmaltz for helping out as a collector in the last drive. His name was left out by mistake. Sorry, Norman!

Mrs. J. Mix appreciated the thoughtfulness of her many friends who remembered her in her illness, and the many acts of kindness shown to her. She is now back home, and recovering nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Schwarzenberger of Calgary spent the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Shmonds and other relatives.

Musicians Take Part In Special Program

LEVELAND — The Music Department of Canadian Union College gave three programs on May 2 in the Calgary Crescent Heights School auditorium. They started at 9:30 in the morning with a Sabbath School and church service. In the afternoon at 3:30 a concert of sacred music was given, conducted by William Haynes, and accompanied by Thomas H. Sheldon.

There were 35 in the choir. In the evening at 8:00 o'clock the 32-piece college band gave a program which was very much appreciated by all. There were four members of the band that were from Leveland and members of the Beiseker Lions Band. The conductor of the band was Thomas Sheldon, a graduate in music from Pacific Union College of California. The College travelled with a 35-passenger bus and a few cars.

Beiseker Subdivision Elects Officers

The annual meeting of the Beiseker Subdivision of the Catholic women's League was held on March 26, in the meeting room of the Beiseker Memorial Hall, with a very large attendance. Rev. Father Fermant opened the meeting with the League prayer. Mrs. N. G. Larvie, in the absence of the president, Mrs. A. A. Wald, took the chair.

Splendid reports were given by the different conveners, and were heartily approved. The treasurer's report showed a decided increase over the previous year.

Rev. Father Fermant then addressed the members, and expressed his appreciation and thanks for the wonderful work they had accomplished during the year. A letter was read from the president expressing her regret in being unable to be with them due to illness. Election of officers took place and the following slate of officers was elected:

President, Mrs. A. A. Wald; past-president, Mrs. T. Lyczewski; first vice president, Mrs. Kasper Siebenagel; second vice president, Mrs. Jerry Schissel; third vice-president, Mrs. N. J. Larvie; secretary, Mrs. L. L. Schmaltz; treasurer, Mrs. Adam Velker; councillors, Mrs. Ed. Schwarzenberger, Mrs. E. B. Hagel, Mrs. J. J. Hagel, Mrs. Balser Schmaltz; Mrs. Matt Schmaltz, and Mrs. Val Schmaltz. Plans were made for the annual banquet and installation of officers to be held May 28th. The meeting closed with prayer by the director, Rev. Father Fermant.

Farm Mishap Victim Dies

Mangled by a tractor in a farm accident at Beiseker Sunday afternoon, 38-year-old Edward Lang died in Calgary General Hospital Monday.

Lang, employed on the farm of Reinhold Huether, was working alone with a tractor and cultivator at the time of the accident. It was believed he fell from the tractor, and under it, when he lost his balance as he was attempting to "trip" the cultivator.

Lang, who was single, is survived by three uncles in the Beiseker district: Fred, Sam and Theo Lang; a brother in Toronto, a sister in Edmonton and another sister in Vancouver.

Funeral Services will be held in Beiseker with arrangements by Gooder Bros. Funeral Home of Calgary to be announced later.

Leveland News Briefs

Most of the members of the SDA Church were in Calgary May 2 attending the program given by the Canadian Union College.

There are still a few that have not been canvassed for the Cancer Crusade in this district. Please don't forget, cancer strikes 1 in 5. Due to the busy time I may not be able to see you in person, but please mail your donations to John Leiske and I will forward a receipt.

Seeding is well under way in the Leveland district and the ground is in good condition.

Mrs. Dorothy Kindopp of Auburn, Calif., is visiting with her sister, Mrs. Jacob Gimbel. Mrs. Kindopp was one of the first teachers and nurse in this district and, wife of Dr. Kindopp, also a former resident of the Leveland district.

Adam Roth and Alex Herman of Calgary were in the district on Sunday, May 8.

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Charge Woman With Perjury

EDMONTON (BUP)—A young Edmonton woman was arrested in police court Thursday after she admitted she had committed perjury while testifying in the preliminary hearing of theft and shopbreaking charges against two youths.

Lorraine Schuster was placed in custody after crown prosecutor Guy Beaudry warned her that a conviction on a charge of perjury carries a possible 14-year prison sentence.

Miss Schuster had been testifying in the hearing of the charges against Kenneth Popow and James McKee, who are alleged to have broken into the Calder Lumber and Hardware store and stolen some articles, including four boxes of shotgun shells.

The woman claimed that she had driven around in a car with Popow and James Myhaluk on the day of the crime, March 22. However, she claimed they had never gone anywhere near the raided store.

Myhaluk, who is now serving a two-and-a-half years in prison term after pleading guilty to the charge, testified that all four of them had driven to the store but only he and McKee entered the building.

Miss Schuster later admitted having gone to the Calder store. "You admit you committed perjury?" Beaudry then asked "Yes," the witness replied.

The prosecutor asked her "what did you do this?" "Nobody," she answered, "it was my own idea."

She was then placed in custody on a charge of perjury.

Liberals Have 12 In Federal Field

Liberals candidates nominated to contest Alberta seats in the forthcoming federal election now number twelve. There are 17 federal constituencies, and Liberals will be running a candidate in all of these. Vegreville Federal Liberal Association will hold its nominating convention on April 25th at Andrew. This leaves Medicine Hat, Calgary South, Athabasca and Battle River-Camrose still to nominate.

Nominated recently were J. J. McIntyre for Macleod, Harold Riley, QC, for Calgary North; C. C. Reed for Wetaskiwin; Dr. A. M. Day for Acadia, and E. McFarland for Lethbridge. The Hon. George Prudham, MP for Edmonton West, and Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys in the federal cabinet, was the unanimous choice of delegates to a convention of his constituency on April 17th.

National Telegraph Manager Is Promoted

EDMONTON (CP)—F. A. Richards, Edmonton manager of Canadian National Telegraphs for the last 21 years, has been promoted to traffic and communications superintendent at Winnipeg.

Announce Million In Road Contracts

EDMONTON — Alberta highways department officials announced Friday the awarding of contracts for more than \$1,000,000.

Poole Engineering Co. Ltd. of Edmonton received a \$589,507 contract to provide stabilized gravel base course from Namao to Opal, a distance of about 31 miles on highway No. 28.

New West Construction Co. Ltd. of Edmonton was awarded a \$281,746 contract for grading and other work from Lousana to Troon, a distance of about 24 miles on highway No. 21.

For grading and other work along 20 miles of highway No. 9, Hanna to Strathmore, Evans Construction Co. Ltd. of Saskatoon received a contract at \$270,967.

Canada has nearly 600,000 miles of roads. Only 14 per cent are paved.

IN BED ALL THE TIME

PORTALES, N. MEX.—While worried neighbors searched in droves for the frantic search for Jimmy Ray, two and a half, no trace of him could be found. Finally, one of the neighbors went into Jimmy's house to get a blanket to keep her own child warm. She uncovered Jimmy—sound asleep with a blanket pulled over his head. Jimmy's mother sheepishly explained she had looked in the bedroom a dozen times but thought the bedding was merely rumpled.

Dogs Vaccinated; Coyotes Hunted

ESTHER — Every man and his dog were in Esther Tuesday when Dr. Kerr, local veterinarian, vaccinated the animals against rabies. Approximately 35 dogs received treatment.

The coyotes in this region have been extremely hungry, and one rancher lost five calves to coyotes this spring. Several other ranchers have reported losses of one or two calves. Airplane hunters were out earlier this week and bagged a total of 12 coyotes in a region along Sounding Creek.

A virus is a minute germ so small that it cannot be seen even with the aid of the highest power lens microscope.

Edmontonian Beaten, Assailant Fined \$35

EDMONTON — Reinhold Trauter was fined \$35 and costs with the alternative of a 30-day jail term when he appeared in court Wednesday on a charge of inflicting grievous bodily harm. Trauter was charged after William Belcourt was beaten in a downtown brawl Tuesday night, requiring hospital treatment.

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8th? 17th? 21st?

How many barrels of oil (35 gallons to a barrel) do you think Canadians use in a year—

8 millions? 165 millions? 300 millions?

When the Leduc field was discovered, the wholesale price of gasoline at Edmonton was the highest of any major Canadian city. Today it is—

even higher? lower? about the same?

Energy produced at Niagara Falls each day is equal to that in 2,000 barrels of crude oil. Prairie oil fields now produce energy equal to how many "Niagaras"—

2? 11? 18?

Taxes take a big part of a company's income. How would you say Imperial's 1952 tax bill compared with its dividends? Was it—

greater? less? about the same?

Far down the list a few years ago, Canada now ranks eighth. Except for a group of Middle East countries—Iran, Iraq, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia—only the U.S., Venezuela and Russia have larger reserves.

Last year 165 million barrels—about one gallon for every man, woman and child, Canada uses twice as much oil as she did six years ago.

Edmonton's wholesale gasoline price is now the lowest in Canada, 10% below the average for other leading cities. The new discoveries mean price savings of millions of dollars each year to the people of Alberta.

The energy of the oil produced in the western oil fields each day is about 18 times that generated at Niagara.

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THERE IT WAS!

Waiter—How did you find your steak, sir?
Diner—It was just luck. I happened to move that piece of potato and there it was.

HE DID

"Daddy, if you give me a dime I'll tell you what the iceman said to mamma."
"O.K., here's your dime."
"He said: 'Any ice today, lady?'"

Quick Canadian Quiz No. 119

- In 1939 Canadian labor income was \$2,568 million. What was the 1952 total?
 - In what year did Jacques Cartier land at what is now Montreal?
 - Which is the larger, Cape Breton Island, Prince Edward Island, Anticosti Island?
 - In 1939 federal government spending amounted to \$553 million. What is the estimate for the current fiscal year?
 - What are the "Crow's Nest Pass" freight rates?
- ANSWERS: 1. Low rates for the rail haul of grain from western Canada set in 1899 and still unchanged. 2. Cape Breton Island. 3. \$10,865 million, more than 4 times the 1939 total. 4. \$4,462 million, more than 8 times the 1939 total. 5. In 1935.

Plant Trees

EDMONTON (EUP) — The Edmonton parks department said recently it plans to plant 4,000 trees in Edmonton boulevards this year. Most of them will be green ash and elm trees with a few lindens in some areas.

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Must Raise Standards Of Indian to Fight TB

EDMONTON (BUP)—Tuberculosis among Indians will never be eradicated until the economic standard of the Indians is raised, according to Dr. M. Matas of the Charles Cammell Indian Hospital in Edmonton.

He says the hospital alone spends \$1,250,000 each year to treat patients from the Montana borders to the shores of the Arctic.

In the last two years, the incidence of trachoma has been reduced while in 1950 35 of Alberta's Indians died of tuberculosis, compared with 90 in 1947, the doctor reported.

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EDITORIALS

Grain Strike Over

The grain handlers' strike at the Pacific coast is over but Alberta farmers, whose grain production it is that gives these workers a job, have a right to be pretty indignant about the whole affair.

From February 16 until May 7—nearly three whole months—250 striking workmen at the grain terminal elevators at Vancouver and New Westminster held up 400 railway employees and 100,000 Alberta farmers. It seems incredible that the grain producer, after surviving threats of drought, frost, grasshoppers, hail, rust and other hazards to his crop has also to worry about small delivery quotas that make it impossible for him to sell any but a fraction of his product when it is ready for delivery. To add insult to injury, 250 laborers at the west coast are able to delay by twelve more weeks the day the Alberta farmer can look for an increase in his delivery quota.

What did the workers get out of this? Just 7½¢ per hour or \$3.00 per week more than they were getting previously. The question might well be asked, isn't there a better way of getting a pay hike for 250 west coast workers than by holding up 100,000 Alberta farmers for 3 months?

Well, at least the strike is over. Now perhaps Alberta farmers will be able to deliver a few more additional bushels and get a few more much-needed dollars with which to finance spring seeding programs now underway.

Let's Celebrate

Tuesday, June 2 is Coronation Day and a day of rejoicing for the whole British Commonwealth. It is a time when every community, including our own, can cut loose a bit and put on a local display that will complement the big event taking place in England.

This is the happy occasion when the heart of Empire will be putting on the biggest show of a generation. A new Queen will be crowned and for the event thousands from all parts of the Commonwealth and many other countries are journeying to see the parade and spectacle.

We can't all go to London, but we can celebrate here. Let's all get together and put on a program here that will be a fitting part in the over-all celebration of crowning a new Queen. Civic and school officials, clubs, church groups and individuals can all contribute to a gala day, come June 2.

Our Air Defences

In case of an air attack by an enemy such as Russia, Edmonton and in fact all of Alberta is going to be mighty dependent on the Canadian Air Force. We are therefore very much interested in the statement of a retired Air Force Officer, Richard H. Rohmer, that Canada had no modern aircraft for home defence, but that all our crack fighter planes are going to Europe.

Defence Minister Claxton, when asked in Parliament to comment on Rohmer's statement, disclosed that Canada is producing, equipping and manning the finest fighter planes in the world. Forty squadrons are planned, 31 of which are already operating. We also have squadrons operating in Korea and are either sending or have sent nine squadrons to Europe. The best place to defend Canada and prevent aggression is as far away from Canada as possible.

Our Radar Stations in the North are the very latest and are operating around the clock.

Under the Joint Defence Agreement with the United States, any nation attacking us would have the U.S. Air Force, as well as our own, to contend with.

It goes to show that men in the Armed Services know little or nothing about the overall picture.

The Bible Today

But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.—James 1, XXV.

Interpreting The Law

By MODOC

Recently, the attorney-general, the Honorable Lucien Maynard stated in the house, "The interpretation of the law always has been and continues to be the responsibility of the courts." This is the situation in Canada and the one usually held by legislatures, courts, lawyers and people. It means that if a law is ambiguous or poorly worded, the courts decide what it means. In effect then, the courts make the law, at least to the extent to which they interpret it, thus taking over the function of legislatures.

This has been the custom and since someone must do it, the courts must do so until legislatures change the situation. Considerable criticism should be directed at the legislatures; none, at all, at the courts.

If a law is not clear in its meaning, wording, intent, etc., the legislative body that has enacted it should make it clear. Mr. Maynard apparently agrees with this to a considerable extent, as he has asked that the law with regard to bingos be clarified by the Dominion government. In similar vein the provincial government passed the Sand and Gravel Act to clarify the question of surface rights and mineral rights.

A few years ago, there was a case in the city hinging on whether stores could sell nuts on Sunday and this depended on whether confectionery included nuts or not. The statement was made that a test case would be brought before the courts so that they would decide this point. It seems rather unsatisfactory to bring a citizen into court on a charge, even though a very minor one, to find out what the law meant. Moreover, how can a magistrate decide what the parliament had in mind, when it very evidently hadn't considered the point at all?

Many people think the courts are above the government, instead of realizing that the courts only exist as an instrument for carrying out the enactments of the government; they are an important part of the civil service just as is the post office, the customs officials, the teachers, etc. One individual even said some years ago, "The Alberta government should stop fighting the courts," not realizing that the courts were one branch of the civil service strictly subsidiary to the government, but not directly interfered with by those superior bodies. In many countries, the courts would not be allowed to interpret the law.

Let us by all means have laws that are clear and if not clear let us send them back to the body that made them, to clarify them. The function of the courts should be to apply the law to specific cases where the law is clear, not to interpret the law.

Farm Prices

(Lethbridge Herald)

Some people see red when they read that money from the Ottawa treasury is used for agricultural price supports. In the fiscal year just ended, a year which was marked by a grave disturbance in Canada's two billion dollar livestock economy, there were \$66.7 million spent for farm price supports. Away with all that stuff is the demand in some quarters.

Well, while Canada is trying to keep the boat trimmed so that agriculture wouldn't take a nose-dive and carry the rest of the economy along with it, the United States budget for the year beginning July 1 next, was placed before Congress.

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Note and Comment

R. V. Biddulph, the Canadian Wheat Board's European commissioner in London, is retiring. His work will be carried on by J. B. Lawrie, former executive assistant to the Board in Winnipeg and at one time employee of the Alberta Wheat Pool in Calgary.

Those pretty things under palm trees, in the travel advertisements, makes us long for summer.

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A LIFE FOR A LIFE

Re your editorial, "A Voice Against Hanging".

Why should citizens feel relieved when a murderer escapes the death penalty, the due reward of his deeds? Every criminal is entitled to justice and a fair trial and if found guilty should have to pay for his crime. In taking another's life he has forfeited the right to his own! This is a law of God, given first to Moses.

Deut. Chapter 17, Verse 6, "At the mouth of two witnesses or three witnesses, shall he that is worthy of death be put to death", and Chapter 19, Verses 11 - 12, "But if any man hate his neighbor and lie in wait for him and rise up against him and smite him mortally that he die and fleeth into one of these cities. (12) Then the elders of his city shall send and fetch him hence and deliver him into the hands of the avenger of blood that he may die".

In verses preceding these, it says where blood is shed innocently or accidentally life is not demanded in exchange for the life lost.

No, I am not a crank. Nor am I pious or self-righteous. I do believe in the Bible and that we should try to follow God's word. God's laws are just, not savage. But it is definitely savage when a person deliberately kills another! Why should the guilty ones life be spared? Even in mercy killings God has not given man the right to say when another should die.

How often has a real criminal been commuted to life imprisonment, only to be released long before his sentence was served because he was on good behavior? On what else could he be while in prison? And why should he be given a chance when he has not given the person he killed a chance? Is this justice? I'll grant that some become criminals because of faulty training or environment. But that does not give them excuse or the right to take the lives of others! If the guilty are not punished according to their crime, then society will not be safe.

It is true that capital punishment has not stopped many from becoming real criminals. But I am sure it is instrumental in stopping a good many from committing crime, because facing consequences of having to pay by giving up your life is cause enough to make many reconsider and go straight.

I would not want to see them punished but everyone must pay

for his or her actions. One cannot do deliberate wrong and expect to be condoned or respected. This is contrary to God's law. Capital punishment is necessary for the safety of mankind.

Deut. Chapter 19, Verse 21, "And thine eye shall not pity, but life shall go for life, eye for eye, hand for hand, foot for foot."

This, too, God gave to Moses. Who is man that he should question God's law?

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CITES OTHER REASONS

A recent Voiceer complained about the British royal family high-hatting the Duchess of Windsor because she is a divorcee, and divorce is not recognized by the Church of England. That is not so. Henry VIII, founder of the Church of England, was divorced numerous times. Their treatment of the Duchess springs from the fact that she is a commoner, even worse in the eyes of the British than being a divorcee.

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Second, she runs around with bad company when she is not with us and won't have anything to say to us when she is with them. She is very boy-crazy which makes us feel funny and we would like to know how to get rid of her without making her mad.

Thank you very much.

Troubled.

Answer:

This girl you write about seems to be one of these fair-weather friends, who is only using you as a convenience when she hasn't her other more sophisticated friends to go with.

While you do not care to have a quarrel with her, I think you could start making plans ahead and leave her out of them. If she wishes to know why you haven't included her, tell her tactfully that she seems to like a gayer crowd than you two do and that you feel sure that she will enjoy going with them more than with you.

If she hasn't paid back the money she has borrowed in the past, the next time she asks for a loan, simply tell her that you haven't any to spare as you need it all for other things.

If she resents this, it will just be too bad, but you certainly will be better off without her companionship than with it unless she changes her ways.

Louisa.

Dear Louisa,

I am very much in love with a boy. He is quite a bit older than I. I am only fifteen years old and my Daddy won't let me go with the younger boys much. But I love this boy.

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You are at the age when you should be allowed to go to school parties and have the crowd at your home sometimes. But it will be much wiser to go with boys not too much older.

Talk this over with your Daddy and see if he doesn't agree with this.

Louisa.

Aims At Wife, Driver Fined

WHITBY, Ont. (BCP)—Gordon O'Neil of Dumbarton, was fined \$10 for careless driving after police testified they found him zig-zagging across Highway No. 2 trying to knock down his wife with his car.

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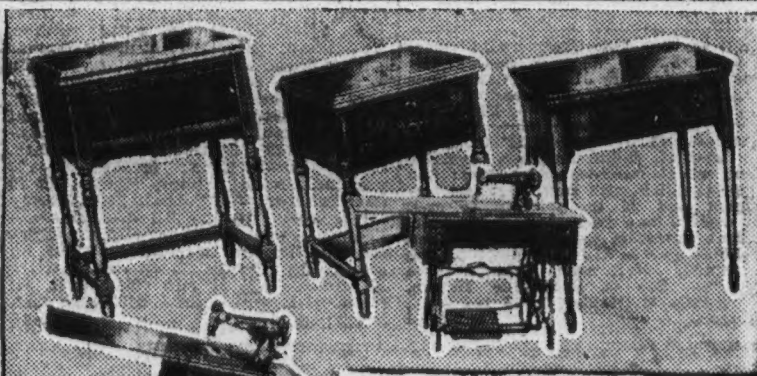
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No veto, however, can eclipse the position that Mike Pearson holds in the councils of nations. He has been in the thick of every important international meeting in recent years. He attended the birth of the United Nations at San Francisco in 1945, is an original member and former president of the council of the North American Treaty Organization.

The fact that a Canadian enjoys that kind of international prestige is symptomatic of the startling change that has come over Canada in the past 14 years. Canada has become a significant diplomatic force and, where, only a short time ago, the major concern of the parliament and government of Canada was with domestic problems, now world problems, military, economic and diplomatic—bulk large in the attention of ministers and parliamentary.

The External Affairs Department was created in 1909 but it was only in 1923 when Mr. Pearson was already a man of 26—that Canada first asserted her right to negotiate and sign a treaty on her own. The shadow of Britain's venerable and ubiquitous Foreign Office did not finally lift from Ottawa's East Block for some years after that.

But it was the Second World War which really planted the diplomatic mushrooms in Ottawa, launching expansion which has multiplied nine-fold the number of Canadian missions abroad and the tiny group of 32 men who made up the nation's diplomatic corps in 1939.

For anything which requires the seasoning and schooling that diplomacy demands, this is an amazing expansion. But still the government is hard pressed to meet the demands of a world which has discovered booming Canada and is anxious to swap envoys with her. There were five Canadian missions in 1939. There are 44 today. There could be considerably more if Canada could meet the demand for them.

Actually representation of Canada abroad can be traced back as far as 1880 when the first High Commissioner was named to London and to 1882 when an Agent-General was posted to Paris. Neither post, however, carried diplomatic status.

It was in 1907 that the wheels began to turn. Sir Joseph Pope, undersecretary of state, recommended to a Royal Commission that a separate Department of External Affairs be established. One reason, he said, was that there wasn't a single complete record of international correspondence in Ottawa. Two years later his wish was met, but little happened for another decade.

The insistence of a separate identity at the signing of the Treaty of Versailles in 1919, the assertion of the right to make and sign her own treaties in 1923, the decision in 1926 that the governor-general no longer was an envoy of the British Government but the representative of the King, all these were milestones. Then came the Second World War and the start of a growth that has placed Canadian missions in every major capital, in all Commonwealth capitals, in every global region. The one big gap now is the Middle East where Canada is represented only in Turkey.

In this development, the emergence of Mr. Pearson as permanent and then political head of the Department as a member of the St. Laurent cabinet has perhaps been the outstanding fact. But the whole diplomatic service has grown steadily in stature until a non-Canadian Atlantic Pact official said privately in Ottawa recently that Canada's political official teams that go into the international councils of the world are recognized and eulogized for their sound and speedy judgment.

These post war years, with the birth of UN and the Atlantic Pact and with the steady evolution of the Commonwealth, have thrown

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open both the challenge and opportunities of international responsibility in a way Canada has never before known. It has matured the diplomatic corps itself and produced a global vision of the Canadian as the same, quiet, energetic mediator who soothes division and keeps his eye on the ball.

It has also thrust the cabinet deeply into a new dimension of responsibility and brought such ministers as Mr. St. Laurent, Abbott of Finance, Claxton of Defence, Martin of Health to the international stage. Mr. St. Laurent has already been credited with fathering the Atlantic Pact. Mr. Abbott was only recently described by Britain's Chancellor of the Exchequer, R. A. B. Butler, as the "doyen of Finance Ministers." Mr. Claxton has assumed an unusual position in NATO because he is by far the most senior defence minister among the 14 member nations. Mr. Martin is one of the real veterans. His experience goes right back to the League of Nations.



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Suggests "Britannia" Be Hospital Ship

LONDON — Emrys Hughes, Labor member of Parliament, thinks the Queen's new yacht, Britannia, should be handed over for use as a hospital ship.

He said in the House of Commons that President Eisenhower has laid his yacht aside because it was "a useless symbol of luxury."

Cmdr. Alan Noble, parliamentary secretary to the admiralty, said the position about Eisenhower's yacht was much different. The Britannia would enable the Queen to travel vast distances and visit the Commonwealth.

"I think she should have a yacht; that is in accordance with our tradition as a maritime nation," he added to cheers from government supporters.

The 4,000-ton Britannia, launched this month and due for completion later this year, is designed for speedy conversion into a hospital ship in time of war.

Major Douglas Left \$32,656

LONDON — Major Clifford Hugh Douglas, author of Social Credit left an estate worth \$32,656 after death duties.

Douglas, who died at Fearnham, Perthshire, Sept. 29 bequeathed the estate in trust to his widow and subsequently his daughter.

Firecracker Sets Fire To Clothes of Tot, 2

EDMONTON (BUP)—Edmonton police chief Reg Jennings warned parents not to allow their children to let off firecrackers carelessly.

His warning came on the heels of Sydney Davies, aged two, being injured when a firecracker exploded in her pocket and set fire to her clothing. Mrs. Davies said that her daughter was riding her tricycle when a seven-year-old boy placed the firecracker in her pocket.



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